

- (ii) one or more of a water-absorbing and gel-forming base material selected from the group consisting of hydroxylpropyl cellulose, hydroxylpropylmethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and
- (iii) one or more of a water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material selected from the group consisting of crystalline cellulose,  $\alpha$ -cellulose, cross-linked sodium carboxy-methyl cellulose, cross-linked starch, gelatin, casein, tragacanth gum, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, chitin and chitosan,
- (2) the content of the water-soluble and gel-forming base material is about 5-40 wt% based on the total of the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material and water-absorbing and gel-forming base material, and
- 7 (3) the drug is unevenly dispersed more <sup>on or in</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material than ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material;
- C 7 wherein the state in which the drug is dispersed more <sup>on or in</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material than <sup>on or in</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material is obtainable by making the average particle diameter of the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material larger than that of the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material;
- wherein the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material have [has] an average particle diameter of 10-350  $\mu$ m in at least 90 wt% based on the particles, and the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material have [has] an average particle diameter of 10-105  $\mu$ m in at least 90 wt% based on the particles.

25. (Amended) A powdery composition for nasal administration wherein  
(1) the composition contains

- (i) a drug;
- (ii) one or more of a water-absorbing and gel-forming base material selected from the group consisting of hydroxylpropyl cellulose, hydroxylpropylmethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose and sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and

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- (iii) one or more of a water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material selected from the group consisting of crystalline cellulose,  $\alpha$ -cellulose, cross-linked sodium carboxy-methyl cellulose, cross-linked starch, gelatin, casein, tragacanth gum, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, chitin and chitosan,
- (2) the content of the water-soluble and gel-forming base material is about 5-40 wt% based on the total of the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material and water-absorbing and gel-forming base material, and
- (3) the drug is unevenly dispersed more <sup>on or in</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material than <sup>A</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material;
- wherein the state in which the drug is dispersed more <sup>on or in</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material than <sup>A</sup> ~~on/in~~ the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material is obtainable by making the average particle diameter of the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material larger than that of the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material;
- wherein the water-absorbing and water-insoluble base material have [has] an average particle diameter of 10-250  $\mu$ m in at least 90 wt% based on the particles, and the water-absorbing and gel-forming base material have [has] an average particle diameter of 10-65  $\mu$ m in at least 90 wt% based on the particles.

Kindly cancel without prejudice claims ~~33~~ and 35.

Claim 34, line 2, delete "32" and insert ~~25~~--.

Claim 36, line 2, delete "32" and insert ~~25~~--.

Claim 42, last line, delete "m" and insert ~~-- $\mu$ m--~~.

Claim 43, last line, delete "m" and insert ~~-- $\mu$ m--~~.

Claim 44, last line, delete "m" and insert ~~-- $\mu$ m--~~.